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Note by the Secretary-General

1. On 17 July 1992, the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) addressed a letter to the Secretary-General (E/1992/113), to which was annexed resolution 5.6 of the General Conference of UNESCO entitled "Consultations with the United Nations with a view to declaring 1995 United Nations year for tolerance". In paragraph 2 (d) of that resolution, the General Conference invited the Director-General "to examine, in consultation with the United Nations, the appropriate arrangements for declaring 1995, which is the fiftieth anniversary of UNESCO, United Nations year for tolerance, and to prepare a declaration on tolerance that might be discussed and possibly adopted on that occasion".

2. By its decision 1992/267 of 30 July 1992, the Economic and Social Council took note of the letter and decided to transmit it to the Assembly at its forty-seventh session for consideration.

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The Secretary-General has the honour to submit to the General Assembly the report of the President of the forty-sixth session of the General Assembly on the outcome of consultations aimed at achieving an agreement on a code of conduct for transnational corporations (see annex).

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ANNEX

Report by the President of the forty-sixth session of the General Assembly

1. Pursuant to an understanding reached during the previous informal consultations, in September 1991 (see A/46/558 and Corr.1), the President of the forty-sixth session of the General Assembly convened a new round of informal consultations on the code of conduct on transnational corporations from 21 to 23 July 1992. The consultations were chaired by Ambassador Farooq Sobhan, Chairman of the eighteenth session of the Commission on Transnational Corporations.

2. It was the view of delegations that no consensus was possible on the draft code at present. Delegations felt that the changed international economic environment and the importance attached to encouraging foreign investment required that a fresh approach should be examined, which could include the preparation of guidelines and/or any other international instrument on foreign investment at the next session of the Commission on Transnational Corporations. In the meanwhile, the Division of Transnational Corporations and Management of the Department of Economic and Social Development and any interested delegation may prepare suitable background papers to facilitate this task.

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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Letter dated 15 September 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I am writing to you concerning a matter referred to in paragraph 56 of document A/BUR/47/1. Paragraph 56 refers to the opening ceremonies for the International Year for the World's Indigenous People and indicates that the General Committee may wish to recommend to the General Assembly that the opening ceremonies for the International Year should be held in plenary meeting on Thursday, 10 December 1992, in the afternoon.

Officials of the United Nations Centre for Human Rights have advised our delegation that, following completion of the opening ceremonies on 10 December, there are cultural events and a reception planned at the United Nations to mark the occasion. There is some concern that, should there be a delay in concluding the opening ceremonies, as a result for example of a great number of speakers, the cultural events may have to be somewhat curtailed.

In order to forestall any possibility of interference with the cultural programme, my delegation would like to suggest that the opening ceremonies be held in the morning rather than in the afternoon of 10 December. Therefore, my delegation proposes that the last sentence in paragraph 56 be amended accordingly to read:

> "The General Committee may wish to recommend to the Assembly that the opening ceremonies for the International Year for the World's Indigenous People should be held in plenary meeting on Thursday, 10 December 1992, in the morning."

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I would appreciate it if the text of the present letter could be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 8 of the provisional agenda, and brought to the attention of the General Committee for its consideration.

(Signed) Louise FRECHETTE
Ambassador and
Permanent Representative

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REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

SECURITY COUNCIL
Forty-seventh year

Letter dated 14 September 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the letter from His Excellency, Mr. Milan Panic, the Prime Minister of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia addressed to you (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 69 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Dragomir DJOKIC
Ambassador
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

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Annex

Letter dated 14 September 1992 from the Prime Minister of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia to the Secretary-General

The London Conference was a turning-point for the peace process in Yugoslavia, and now we have taken action on delivering deeds.

On 17 August 1992, I forwarded to you a plan of what we were going to do. Now we can see what has actually been accomplished.

Enclosed is a brief account of what my Government has done.

In light of this list of deeds, I formally request that you consider these results during the deliberations at the United Nations on the current state of affairs in Yugoslavia.

(Signed) Milan PANIC

APPENDIX

Notes concerning the steps taken to fulfil the requirements of Security Council resolution 752 (1992)

Items of the resolution	Steps taken
1. Request for halting the fighting and observance of the cease-fire of 12 April 1992.	Prime Minister of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, Mr. Milan Panic, visited Bosnia and Herzegovina three times. He publicly called on the representatives of the Moslem, Croatian and Serbian peoples to stop all fighting and to observe the cease-fire immediately. According to the Agreement between Karadzic and the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR), observers have already been deployed at 11 sites around Sarajevo, where the heavy weapons of the Bosnian Serbs are stationed.
2. Constitutional order of Bosnia and Herzegovina - continuation of negotiations among the three national communities in Bosnia and Herzegovina within the framework of the European Community.	Prime Minister Panic called upon the representatives of all three peoples - Karadzic, Boban and Izetbegovic - to negotiate under the auspices of the European Community (Ambassador Cutileiro) on the constitutional order of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Prime Minister Panic stated that Yugoslavia has no territorial claims towards anybody, including Bosnia and Herzegovina. He is opposed to changing borders by force.
3. Request for non-interference in the withdrawal of the military forces from Bosnia and Herzegovina.	Pursuant to the order of Prime Minister Panic, all units of the Yugoslav Army have been pulled out of Bosnia. The last of 92 Yugoslav soldiers were recently withdrawn, and General Nambiar informed the Security Council accordingly.

Items of the resolution	Steps taken
4. Request for non-interference in the withdrawal of the military forces from Bosnia and Herzegovina	By order of the Yugoslav Government, the border between the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and Bosnia and Herzegovina has been supervised so as to avoid any military interference and movement of paramilitary units whatsoever. Prime Minister Panic has repeatedly invited the United Nations to send observers to control all military airfields in Yugoslavia and border crossings between Yugoslavia and Bosnia.
5. Disbanding all paramilitary units.	Prime Minister Panic has called for the disbanding of all paramilitary units in Bosnia and Herzegovina. His intervention resulted in the arrest of 80 persons by Serbian authorities in Bosnia.
6. Request for the discontinuation of the violent resettlement of the population.	Prime Minister Panic has strongly opposed the ethnic cleansing of territories. Six persons have already been arrested in Hrtkovci (Serbia), under the suspicion that they have been involved in ethnic cleansing (Ostoja Sibincic, President of the Local Community, and others). On 30 August 1992, the Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia intervened and prevented the forcible resettlement of the population at Kozarac in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Prime Minister Panic dismissed the Assistant Federal Secretary for the Interior, Kertes, for opposing government policy on ethnic cleansing.

Items of the resolution	Steps taken
7 and 8. Urgent need to provide for humanitarian needs - material and financial - above all to refugees and displaced persons, and to ensure conditions for their return home.	The Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia urged the authorities of Bosnian Serbs: (a) To stop shelling Sarajevo; (b) To open Sarajevo Airport for the delivery of humanitarian aid; (c) To secure the Split-Sarajevo road passing through the regions controlled by the Bosnian Serbs. The Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia has offered free and unlimited use of the Belgrade Airport, as well as all its facilities, for the supply of aid by air via Yugoslavia to Bosnia. Prime Minister Panic met with Prime Minister of Croatia, Greguric, in Budapest (on 7 August 1992). The result of that meeting was the mutual exchange of 1,500 prisoners according to the principle "all for all". The Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia asked the authorities of the Bosnian Serbs to carry out the exchange of war prisoners with the principle "all for all". Prime Minister Panic had a meeting in London, with the representatives of the Albanians from Kosovo (Rugova). He invited them to participate in the political, economic and cultural life of the Republic and assured them of his full and active support for their civil and human rights. The Prime Minister personally provided the bulk of the financing for a Doctors of the World vaccination programme for 170,000 children in Kosovo.

Items of the resolution	Steps taken
9, 10 and 11. Cooperation with UNPROFOR and the EC Monitoring Mission.	The Federal Government has adopted and maintained a cooperative relationship with UNPROFOR.
Additional actions.	Prime Minister Panic obtained the release in the custody of the American Embassy of two American mercenaries who had been taken prisoner by the Yugoslav Army while fighting in the ranks of the Croatian Army.
	The Yugoslav Government formally recognized independent Slovenia on 12 August 1992.

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ESTABLISHMENT OF A NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONE
IN THE REGION OF THE MIDDLE EAST
CHEMICAL AND BACTERIOLOGICAL (BIOLOGICAL) WEAPONS
GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION FOR THE ERADICATION OF
POVERTY IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION ON THE
WORK OF ITS FORTY-FOURTH SESSION

SECURITY COUNCIL
Forty-seventh year

Letter dated 15 September 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I am transmitting to you herewith the text of a statement issued by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Damascus Declaration countries at their sixth meeting, held at Doha, Qatar, on 9 and 10 September 1992.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under items 30, 35, 46, 55, 60, 61, 82 and 131 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Hassan Ali Hussein AL-NI'MAH
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Statement issued by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Damascus Declaration countries at their sixth meeting, held at Doha on 9 and 10 September 1992

The Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Damascus Declaration countries held their sixth meeting on 9 and 10 September 1992 at Doha, Qatar, under the chairmanship of His Excellency Sheikh Hamid Bin Jasim Bin Jaber Al Thani, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Qatar, and with the following in attendance:

His Excellency Sheikh Hamdan Bin Zayed Al Nahayan, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of the United Arab Emirates;

His Excellency Sheikh Muhammad Bin Mubarak Al Khalifa, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bahrain;

His Royal Highness Prince Saud al-Faisal, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Saudi Arabia;

His Excellency Mr. Farouk Al-Shara', Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Syrian Arab Republic;

His Excellency Mr. Yusuf Bin Alawi Bin Abdullah, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of Oman;

His Excellency Sheikh Salim Al-Sabah, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Kuwait;

His Excellency Mr. Amre Moussa, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Egypt.

With resolute confidence and with a firm determination to confront the dangers, challenges and problems facing the Arab nation at the present stage of its history and consolidate existing intra-national links, and with a view to achieving this end, the Ministers affirmed that the Damascus Declaration was an expression of the commitment of the eight countries to joint Arab action, inasmuch as they were unanimous on its essential and important character as the soundest means of protecting the interests and future of our Arab nation. The Declaration embodies principles for the evolution of a new Arab order, to be achieved within the framework of the League of Arab States, in which other Arab States with the same outlook as that of the Declaration may participate so as to affirm respect for the principles of the Pact of the League of Arab States and commitment to the provisions of the Joint Defence and Economic Cooperation Treaty between the States of the Arab League which provide the basis on which joint Arab action is governed.

The Ministers for Foreign Affairs discussed developments in the peace process, heard the presentation made by His Excellency Mr. Farouk Al-Shara', Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Syrian Arab Republic, and attended with

interest to the ongoing efforts aimed at ending the Arab-Israeli conflict and reaching a comprehensive, durable and just solution to the Palestine issue on the basis of Security Council resolutions 242 (1967) and 338 (1973) and the principle of land for peace. The Ministers expressed their appreciation for the efforts being made by the co-sponsors of the Peace Conference.

The Ministers noted with great satisfaction the efforts being made by the Arab parties participating in the rounds of bilateral negotiations as an expression of the desire for peace, and they expressed their high regard for the constructive positions set forth in the paper presented by the delegation of the Syrian Arab Republic during the recent round of bilateral peace talks in Washington.

The Ministers affirmed that a durable, comprehensive and just peace could be achieved only with Israel's withdrawal from all occupied Arab territories, including Jerusalem and the Golan, and by enabling the Palestinian people to exercise its legitimate right to self-determination.

Given that peace is an integral whole, piecemeal solutions cannot guarantee the stability, security and prosperity of the region. In that light, the Ministers expressed their full support and backing for the positions adopted by the Arab parties in the bilateral peace negotiations, which affirm a desire for a comprehensive and just peace and the rejection of piecemeal solutions.

The Ministers reviewed the progress made in the negotiations on the draft convention banning chemical weapons, and they expressed their satisfaction with the convention's goals. In this connection, the Ministers stressed the importance of the need for Israel, as well as the other States of the Middle East region, to adhere to the convention and to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and the international safeguards regime, in accordance with the principle of equality and justice, and to ensure the security of all States in the region without discrimination. The non-adherence of any State in the region to either of the two instruments or the accordance of special treatment to any State in the region would render the entire issue devoid of seriousness and efficacy. The Ministers call upon Israel to undertake to rid itself of its nuclear weapons and subject its nuclear installations to the international safeguards regime with a timeliness that would promote universality of accession to the chemical weapons convention and ensure that the Middle East is a region free of all weapons of mass destruction. The Ministers urge the international community to endeavour to induce Israel to enter into such compliance.

The Ministers expressed their deep concern at the persistence of the Iraqi regime in its failure to comply with the Security Council resolutions relating to its aggression against Kuwait and at its persistent violation of the terms of the cease-fire established by Security Council resolution 687 (1990) by continuing to keep in detention Kuwaiti citizens and third-country nationals, by boycotting the work of the Iraq-Kuwait Boundary Demarcation Commission and rejecting its recommendations, by its

procrastination in the implementation of the Security Council resolutions on the payment of compensation for the damages arising out of its aggression and by its dilatoriness in the return of all Kuwaiti property.

The Ministers condemn the Iraqi regime's continuing practice of making hostile statements and mounting threats against Kuwait and the States members of the Gulf Cooperation Council, by which it jeopardizes security and stability in the region. They affirm their full support and backing for Kuwait in confronting these threats. The Ministers further expressed their satisfaction at the adoption of Security Council resolution 773 (1992), in which the Council underlines its guarantee of the inviolability of the international boundary between Kuwait and Iraq, contributing as it does to the achievement of peace and stability in the region.

The Ministers once more affirm that Iraq must implement all of the Security Council resolutions relating to its aggression without procrastination, dissimulation or selectivity and that it must release forthwith Kuwaiti and other prisoners and detainees and bring this human tragedy to an end.

The Ministers renewed the expression of their strong desire for the preservation of the unity and territorial integrity of Iraq, and they hold the Iraqi regime fully responsible for the sufferings being endured by the Iraqi people as a result of that regime's refusal to implement Security Council resolutions 706 (1991) and 712 (1991).

They commend the concern shown by the international community to halt the campaigns of annihilation being waged by the Iraqi regime against the Iraqi people, and they hold that regime responsible for the consequences.

The Ministers attended with great concern to the measures taken by Iran on the island of Abu Musa and to the recent events unfolding there. They expressed strong condemnation of the unwarranted measures it had taken on the island in violation of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the United Arab Emirates and in a manner incompatible with international law and with the principles of respect for the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of States, of non-intervention in the internal affairs of States, of the rejection of resort to force or the threat of use of force and of the peaceful settlement of disputes.

The Ministers call upon the Islamic Republic of Iran to honour the Memorandum of Understanding agreed upon by the Emirate of Sharjah and Iran at the relevant time, and they stress that the island of Abu Musa became the responsibility of the Government of the United Arab Emirates at the time the federation was established. They further express their outright rejection of the continued occupation by the Islamic Republic of Iran of the Greater Tunb and Lesser Tunb islands belonging to the United Arab Emirates.

The Ministers, expressing the hope that the Islamic Republic of Iran will review the position it has taken on this issue, affirm their full support for

the United Arab Emirates in retaining its full sovereignty over the island of Abu Musa and their unconditional backing for the measures it may take in order to assert that sovereignty.

The Ministers expressed their deep concern at the continued suffering of the Somali people and at the fact that women and children in particular are being subjected to famine, death and displacement.

They reaffirmed the support and backing of their countries for Somalia in its grievous plight and their hope for a restoration of security and stability to that fraternal country. They renewed the expression of their resolve to provide timely relief assistance to the fraternal Somali people, and they urged the international community to expedite the provision of food aid and medical assistance. They expressed their support for the efforts being made by the Security Council to reinforce the United Nations forces operating in Somalia in order to achieve security and stability.

The Ministers, expressing their sympathy with the fraternal Somali people, call upon all Somali national forces to halt the bloodshed, overcome differences and give priority to the national interest so as to preserve the unity and integrity of the national territory and to cooperate fully with the efforts of the United Nations aimed at convening a national reconciliation conference in accordance with Security Council resolution 733 (1992).

The Ministers expressed their great anxiety at the tragic situation prevailing in Bosnia and Herzegovina and their rejection of the aggression committed against it and of the forcible annexation of territory. They condemn the mass liquidation that has taken place and the violations of the human rights of the peoples of Bosnia and Herzegovina being committed there by the Serbs.

The Ministers welcomed the United Nations resolutions adopted on the question, in particular Security Council resolution 771 (1992) and the resolution of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in the territory of the former Yugoslavia, just as they welcomed the results achieved by the London Conference on the former Socialist Federal Republic.

The Ministers call for the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of Bosnia and Herzegovina to be honoured, for the rule of international law to be invoked and for the principles of the Charter of the United Nations to be respected. They further call for the speedy withdrawal of all regular and irregular Serbian forces in the area, for the deployment of United Nations peace-keeping forces and for the achievement of a lasting settlement that will ensure peace and security and respect for the interests of all parties.

The Ministers stressed the importance of economic cooperation between their countries and, to coordinate such cooperation, they recommended the establishment of a committee of their countries' ministers of finance and economy in order to submit recommendations to the Governments of the Damascus

Declaration countries. The Ministers agreed that the State of Qatar should undertake to coordinate the scheduling of the first meeting, and they adopted a number of recommendations for submission to their Governments.

The Ministers agreed to hold their next meeting at Abu Dhabi at the kind invitation of the Government of the United Arab Emirates.

The Ministers expressed their gratitude and appreciation to the fraternal State of Qatar, its Government and its people, for hosting the meeting and for the warm reception and generous hospitality they had received, and they stated that they looked with anticipation to the convening of their next meeting.